



NATURAL GAS: *Safety*

Our Commitment to Gas Safety

Like any other form of energy, natural gas can be unsafe when not maintained properly. At Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, safety is our number one priority, value and investment. Not only is our emergency team on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but we take ongoing proactive measures to maintain our solid safety record, as well as over-all industry integrity.

These include:

- Visual inspection programs
- Design & construction techniques
- Continual workforce training
- Industry safety practices & government oversight
- Pipeline markers & facility mapping
- Regularly testing emergency procedures & communications
- Public education programs
- Involvement with Dig Safe (*See 8-1-1*) & other government and public projects

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What You Can Do

While natural gas leaks and related incidents are rare, there are basic steps you can take to help ensure your safety.

- Have natural gas appliances installed and maintained by a licensed contractor
- If you choose to install any appliance, check the local codes & closely follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Operate appliances according to their instructions & intended purpose (*Don't use a range to heat a room, etc.*)



BENEFITS THAT HIT HOME

- The nation-wide natural gas industry spends \$6 billion each year on safety alone
- Natural gas is considered trusted, reliable & safe by more than 750,000 homes & businesses across Florida
- Underground pipelines greatly reduce the need for the vehicular transportation of gas, leading to safer roads & cleaner air



How to Sense Danger

While natural gas is naturally odorless, a “rotten egg” odor is added so you and your family can easily detect even the smallest leak. Teach everyone in your home or business to recognize the “rotten egg” smell and take the following steps should someone suspect a leak:

1. Clear your home or business immediately
2. Call your local FPUA office once safely outside
(Or dial 9-1-1 if you sense a more serious emergency)

Do Not:

- Use a cell phone or telephone until securely outside the location
- Smoke, light a match or do anything else that may cause a spark
- Turn on or off any electric switches
- Ring the doorbell or open any garage doors

BENEFITS THAT HIT HOME

- Natural gas is lighter than air & dissipates almost instantaneously
- Because natural gas has almost twice the ignition temperature of gasoline, natural gas vehicles are safer in an accident
- Over the past 10 years, safety incidents throughout the U.S. have decreased by 38% while the amount of natural gas delivered to customers increased by nearly 25%
(www.floridagas.org)

Storm Survival

While reliable natural gas enables hot showers and home cooking—even when the power goes out—we can help ensure optimal post-storm safety. Call FPUA at 466-1600 and a trained technician will:

- Safely turn your gas back on
- Relight pilot lights
- Inspect all appliances to ensure proper working condition
- Present identification upon request

8-1-1 Before You Dig



Call 8-1-1 before you dig and know what's below. Even the shallowest digging or excavating can damage underground utility lines, causing lost utility service, injuries or worse! Before you pick up a shovel, pick up a phone. We'll be on the mark within two to three business days—at no charge to you.

Visit FPUA.com for a complete list of natural gas safety tips or more information. If you are a new natural gas customer, be sure and read the safety section found in your FPUA Customer Guide.

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